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Love: an Anthology

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Love is a paradox. Many paradoxes, in fact.

It is the most altruistic and the most selfish of human emotions.
The most giving and the most fulfilling. The most spiritual and
the most physical. The most natural and the most irrational.
The source of our deepest pleasures and our deepest agonies.

Filial love, romantic love, sexual love, friendship, compassion,
love of self, love of G-d -- these are all so different from each
other as to have virtually no common denominator between
them. Yet we call them all "love", and somehow understand that
they're all the same thing. But could never explain why.

We call it an "emotion", yet love is much more than a feeling.
Everywhere we look -- nature, human society, physics -- the
giver/recipient equation is the very math of existence. Yet the math doesn't add up. One plus one never
equals two. In love, one plus one equals one. And also three.

The Kabbalists tell us that G-d created the universe in order to experience love. Rabbi Akiva says that it is
"a cardinal principle in Torah", and the great sage Hillel declared: "This is the entire Torah; all the rest is
commentary."

Presented here are 32 articles and stories on love:

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by Yitzchak Ginsburgh

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by Roni Loeb Richter



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by Yaakov Lieder

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by Dovid Zaklikowski

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by Shifra Hendrie

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by Simon Jacobson

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by Manis Friedman

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The Baal Shem Tov on Love

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